

Decision Record - Memorandum

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Chapter 1. DOI-BLM-UT-G010–2015–0154–EA – DECISION RECORD

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Northwest Pipeline, LLC's proposal to install a new cathodic protection deep well anode bed (ROW UTU-91460) on its existing 26-inch diameter Ignacio to Sumas natural gas pipeline Right-of-Way UTU-0-15664-VD

1.1. Compliance

Compliance and monitoring checks will be conducted in accordance with BLM Regulations.

1.2. Selected Action

The action selected is the Proposed Action Alternative. Northwest Pipeline, LLC will install a new cathodic protection deep well anode bed in order to ensure adequate cathodic protection on its existing 26-inch diameter Ignacio to Sumas natural gas pipeline ROW UTU-0-15664-VD. The BLM will issue a new Title V Right-of-Way, UTU-91460 to show the cathodic protection as an addition to the existing right-of-way.

1.3. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed cathodic protection site and application for an amendment to the existing ROW is in conformance with the Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (October 31, 2008). The RMP/ROD decision also allows for management of public lands to support goals and objectives of other resources programs, respond to public requests for land use authorizations, and acquire administrative and public access where necessary (RMP/ROD p. 86). It has been determined that the proposed action and alternative(s) would not conflict with other decisions throughout the plan.

The proposed action is also consistent with the Uintah County General Plan as amended (2012). The Uintah County General Plan contains specific policy statements addressing public land, multiple-use, resource use and development, access, and wildlife management. In general, the plan indicates support for development proposals through its emphasis on multiple-use public land management practices and responsible use and optimum utilization of public land resources. The County, through the Plan, supports the development of natural resources as they become available, as new technology allows

1.4. Public Involvement:

The proposed action was posted to the public BLM E-Planning website with its assigned NEPA number. To date, no questions or comments have been received. A public comment period was not offered due to the proposed action being similar in nature to other projects in the immediate area.

1.5. Rationale:

The proposed addition of cathodic protection on the existing pipeline meets the BLM's purpose and need to allow multiple use on BLM managed lands. The need for the action is established under The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, As Amended under General Provisions: (c) Rights-of-way shall be granted, issued, or renewed pursuant to this title under such regulations or stipulations, consistent with the provisions of this title or any other applicable law, and shall also be subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary concerned may

prescribe regarding extent, duration, survey, location, construction, maintenance, transfer or assignment, and termination.

The analysis contained in DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2015-0154-EA, for Northwest Pipeline, LLC's proposal to install a new cathodic protection deep well anode bed (ROW UTU-91460) on it's existing 26-inch diameter Ignacio to Sumas natural gas pipeline (ROW UTU-0-15664-VD) was carefully considered and evaluated.

1.6. Appeal or Protest Opportunities:

This decision is effective upon the date it is signed by the authorized officer. The decision is subject to appeal. Under BLM regulation, this decision is subject to administrative review in accordance with 43 CFR 3165. Any request for administrative review of this decision must include information required under 43 CFR 3165.3(b) (State Director Review), including all supporting documentation. Such a request must be filed in writing with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84145-0155, within 20 business days of the date this Decision is received or considered to have been received.

If you wish to file a petition for stay, the petition for stay should accompany your notice of appeal and shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
3. The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted;
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

1.7. Authorizing Official:

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1.8. Contact Person

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